

Fagraea ceilanica Thunb.

Family : Gentianaceae

Parts Used : Whole plant

Vernacular Names

English : Fagraea

Malayalam : Modakam, Omal, Vellarimodakam



Distribution and Habitat: Found throughout Kerala, Indo- Malasia

Botany: Shrub to small tree, epiphytic when young. Bark greyish-brown, rough, cracked.

• **Leaves:** 12.7-25.4cm x 7.6-15.2 cm, obovate-oval, tapering to base, rounded at apex, glabrous, dark green and shining above, paler beneath.

• **Flowers:** Cream coloured, 7.6-10.2 cm long, in trichotomous cymes. Corolla lobes less than half as long as tube recurved.

• **Fruit:** 3.8-5 cm, ovoid, apiculate, smooth, shining; seeds many, dark brown, ovoid. It flowers and fruits at all times.

Properties: Antipyretic, anti-oxidant, antibacterial

Chemical constituents: Saponins, flavanoids, sterols. scopoletin is present in bark.

Propagation: stem cuttings

